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US gets CIA complaint that media print spy data

Washington

The Justice Department is considering complaints from CIA Director William Casey that several publications, including the Washington Post, are violating federal law by printing information on US intelligence capabilities.

Mr. Casey met on the subject last Friday with Deputy Attorney General Lowell Jensen. No formal investigation has been initiated and two department officials, speaking yesterday on condition that they not be identified, said it is highly questionable whether the Post and other publications would actually be prosecuted.



They said, however, that the question of whether the matter will be pursued vigorously depends on the attitude of Attorney General Edwin Meese III, a longtime friend and political ally of Casey. Mr. Meese was unavailable for immediate comment yesterday.